

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1396

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emily J. Pitts, 2010
Valedictorian of McNairy Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Emily J. Pitts is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at McNairy Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Pitts has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Emily Pitts has earned an exemplary average of 99.8 while participating in several extracurricular and civic activities, including serving as a tutor for Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and middle school band students, and as a valued member of the Bobcat Community Service Club, the Library Club, and the Bobcat Band; and

WHEREAS, her estimable leadership abilities have enabled her to serve her fellow students as the Brass Captain and Band Librarian for the Bobcat Band; and

WHEREAS, a gifted musician and thespian, Ms. Pitts has taken on more than twenty musical, theatrical, and crew roles with the Corinth Theatre Arts and Arts in McNairy; and

WHEREAS, a talented pianist, Emily Pitts earned membership into the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, achieved the ranking of "Superior" eight times at the American College of Musicians National Piano Playing Auditions, and achieved the ranking of "Superior" nine times at the National Federation of Music Clubs Piano Festival; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitts is an active and devout member of the Eastside Church of Christ, where she is responsible for completing the pictorial church directory and has faithfully served as a vacation Bible school volunteer and a Wednesday night teacher for toddlers; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Emily Pitts, as an esteemed member of the National Honor Society and Bobcat Community Service Club, has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work for the Jaycee Shopping Spree, the Angel Tree Project, and the Elementary School Harvest Festivals; she has also donated over eighty hours of her time to Arts in McNairy, volunteering at play auditions and at the AiM Artisan Trail; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements, Ms. Pitts has received numerous awards and honors, including the Best Section Award; inclusion into the University of Tennessee at Martin Honor Band, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Spanish national Honor Society, and the ACT 25 and Above Club; the English Honors II Award, Visual Art I Award, AP American History Award, Woodmen of the World American History Award, English IV Honors Award, Spanish III Award, First Place Award in Spanish Poetry II, Second Place Award in Spanish Poetry III, Second Place Award in the Pickwick Electric Essay Contest, Top Ten Student for the teacher-elected Hall of Fame, Student Excel in Foreign Language Award, Best in Show 2005 AiM Photography Contest, First Place in the Delta Kappa Gamma Essay Contest, Stephen Foster Music Club Scholarship, Jimmy Daniel Memorial Scholarship, and Austin Peay State University's Presidential Scholarship and Honors College Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pitts's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitts's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 McNairy Central High School

Valedictorian, Emily J. Pitts, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.